

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 3rd April March 2018**

Present: Cllrs Child (Chair), Hyland, Matthews, Parry, Warne, Phillips, K Ward (Clerk)

**1819-1 Apologies:** Cllrs Cox and Lamb

**1819-2 Public Forum:** none

**1819-3 Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Phillips declared an interest as the owner of the field adjacent to the Common. He remained in the meeting.

**1819-4 Minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018:** The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

**1819-5 Finance 2018/19**

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the following payment:

- Play Safety Ltd for ROSPA playground inspection £100.80 (£84.00 + VAT)

**1819-6 Other matters (not for decision):** None

**1819-7 Exclusion of Public and Press**

It was **RESOLVED** to exclusion of public and press to consider quotes for landscape architectural services on the Common.

**1819-8 The Common**

Cllr Child introduced the item, noting that there were suggestions coming forward from some of the landscape architects about using the field adjacent to the Common as part of the regeneration as it has significantly fewer drainage problems. Cllr Child noted that it has been designated as public open space in the NDDC Local Plan, and that while Cllr Phillips as landowner is content for the field to be used for public access, the Council would not wish to make significant investment in facilities on the field whilst in private ownership as the Local Plan is only in place for approximately 20 years. It was **RESOLVED** to formally seek clarification of the long term future of the field as an amenity asset.

Members discussed the quotes received from the four landscape architects. Having considered in detail the quotes, as well as feedback from the site visits, experience of the architects and initial feedback from them on design ideas, it was **RESOLVED**:

- that NPP and Baobab would not be shortlisted for interview.
- that Swan Paul and AECOM be invited for interview, subject to
  - confirming that costs of the topographical survey and final detailed design are included in their submitted quotes and if not, assessing the additional costs in order for a direct comparison to be made.
  - in the event that there is a significant difference in the final quotes, then the landscape architect with the lowest quote only to be invited for interview.

**Signed as a correct record:**

**Date:**

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